

# WYCOMBE SHINE IN VITAL GAME

Sports Mail Special Report

WITH two promising reserves, Peter Eyres and Vivian Busby, replacing injured players, Wycombe Wanderers did well to win by four clear goals their vital Isthmian League game against Tooting and Mitcham.

**Wycombe Wanderers:** Maskell; Eyres, Roystone; Baker, Rundle, Gale; Worley, Samuels, Busby, Horseman, Merrick. Sub: Sherbourne.

**Tooting & Mitcham:** Guy; Holder, Fillery; Nelson, Robertson, Ruel; Chambers; McGill, Johnson, Green, Burnard. Sub: Goodrick.

Referee: M Bayston (Welwyn Garden City).

Wycombe took some time to settle down to their usual confident constructive play and the visitors looked more dangerous in the early attacks.

But Horseman and Worley soon began initiating some thrustful Wycombe advances. From one of them a Worley shot was hit over for a corner and from the kick Samuels's header was saved at the expense of another corner.

Then Tooting had the best chance of the match when centre forward Johnson was put through on his own, clear of the backs. But his final shot lacked power and Maskell dived full length to save well.

Wycombe were well worth the lead in the 36th minute when HORSEMAN ran through on his own and beat

Guy with a fine shot to put them ahead.

Half-time: Wycombe Wanderers 1, Tooting and Mitcham 0.

Both teams set up a livelier pace in the second half and Tooting, with a reshuffled forward line, managed to do a little more of the attacking.

Wycombe, however, still kept the initiative and nine minutes after the restart, MERRICK increased their lead with a shot from the left wing which goal-keeper Guy checked but failed to hold.

Wycombe went further ahead in the 72nd minute when the visitors were penalised for a foul in the area and HORSEMAN scored from the spot.

It was now almost a non-stop Wycombe attack with Busby, Horseman and Samuels all testing Guy. Six minutes before the end HORSEMAN completed another good day for the Wanderers when he broke through to register a fourth.

## RESULT

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# HORSEMAN SPURS ON WYCOMBE

Wycombe 4 Tooting 0

WYCOMBE WANDERERS moved up to a strong challenge for the Isthmian League championship with this convincing win.

Even with young reserves Peter Eyres and Vivian Busby—brought in for injured right-back John Beck and centre forward Paul Bates—Wycombe were always the more constructive and purposeful in attack. Although their first-half lead was limited to one goal from Horseman.

Tooting made a wholesale forward reshuffle in the second half. But although it infused more life into the line it also spurred on Wycombe and nine minutes after the interval Merrick put them further ahead.

Live-wire Horseman added a third for Wycombe from a penalty in the 72nd minute and the fourth six minutes before the end.